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VBT sets public hearing on Sumpter Road Corridor

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

After about an hour of discussing the Sumpter Road Corridor Plan and its Mixed-Use Zoning District and Overlay District, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission voted to set a public hearing on the plan and ordinance amendments.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power said the earliest date for a public hearing would be July 27, but the information will be put front and center on the website and there will be plenty of room for public comment.

This is an amendment to the township's 2020 Master Plan to address the area located along and near Sumpter Road between Bemis Road and Industrial Park Drive. The plan includes an amendment to the township's Future Land Use Map to change the future land use designation of the property to Sumpter Road Mixed Use District.

At its one-hour-and-14-minute meeting on June 22 the commission also:

- Heard Director Power announce that the Wilkin Farm irrigation ponds project for agricultural purposes on 180.57 acres south of Hull Road between Sumpter and Martinsville roads that was granted by the planning commission in March 2021 is anticipated to begin in July. He said the board of trustees has to review the excavation and everyone has to be advised of the extra truck traffic that will be in the area;

- Learned Ameristar Hanger has a site plan for a 21,712-square-foot hangar with office and storage located on the south portion of Willow Run Airport. The address is 51500 Tyler Road Extension near the border with Ypsilanti Township at the site of the former "Hangar 2" location. Power said Ameristar is a private firm with jets for traffic and cargo and is relocating its hangar. The

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Photo courtesy of Belleville Fire Department

On Friday, July 1, the City of Belleville made history with its first Fire Department duty crew. Belleville will now have staffing for fire and medical emergencies during the daytime hours Monday through Friday. "Thanks to city council, the city manager, and Belleville Fire Department command staff for all the hard work they put forth to improve the quality of service our residents deserve," said Fire Captain Christopher Zweng. From left are Fire Fighter Richard Landskroener and Captain Zweng as they start the first shift at 9 a.m. Friday.

Sumpter planners OK 4.878-acre pond, 10 acres of solar panels

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

At a special meeting on June 23, the Sumpter Township Planning Commission approved a 4.878-acre pond at 51150 Arkona Rd.

John Enos, principal at Carlisle Wortman of Ann Arbor, serves as the commission's planner and he explained the project.

He said the applicant, Ed Girard of Mannick & Smith, wants to build a pond for property owner Rocky Frazier, and the township has detailed rules in its ordinance on setbacks and other things so they will not allow it to become a gravel pit. It is being built as an amenity and meets the requirements of the ordinance.

Mannick & Smith is a good contractor and has significant experience, Enos said.

Wayne County has to approve erosion control and all soil must remain on-site, according to the ordinance.

Enos said with this pond they want some to go off-site, but he doesn't want this to become an excavation where they are selling the top soil.

Girard said the problem is, there is only so much property in the parcel around the 4.878-acre pond and if the excavations are piled up it would cause flooding on the neighbor's property.

"I know that property and there's too much being dug out for the site to hold," said Commissioner John Honey. "That's a lot of dirt."

Enos asked where they intend to put it and the contractor said they will sell it to homeowners or new home builders and, "There's not much sand around."

Trustee Matt Oddy who sits on the Planning Commission said they could do the math to find out how much will be excavated. He said they need to keep as much on the property as they can.

"Try to keep as much as possible on the property and go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance because you don't want to damage the neighbor's property," Enos said.

Girard said there's no topsoil there and it's a hill which adds to the volume. He said the back part of the property is wooded and the other part is wetlands.

Commissioner Richard Pokewinski asked what the pond would be used for and he was told it's for fishing.

"This body cannot approve a violation of the ordinance," Oddy said and Enos replied that it can approve it with stipulations. He told Girard that he would talk to him and work out the situation with the excavations. He said he believes the ZBA would look favorably upon it.

Enos said Girard has built enough ponds to know he needs the county permit and for EGLE to look at the wetlands.

Enos said they will try to keep the sand in the township as much as possible. He said

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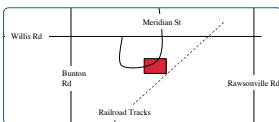
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

FMAR: Pete, Marcy LaFramboise tell plans of retirement

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

It was April 3, 2003 that Pete and Marcy LaFramboise started Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue that has saved thousands of cat and dogs over the 19 years of its existence. FMAR, a no-kill shelter, has an enthusiastic local following and one Belleville resident has been sending a check every month since the beginning.

Now, they have retired, but still volunteer at the shelter which is on their property behind their house on Arkona Road in Sumpter Township. They hope people will continue to support the shelter.

The FMAR board, now at three members, runs the shelter and rents the facilities from the LaFramboises. Although they worked 12-16 hour days at the shelter over the 19 years, they have never been paid for that. The board will be hiring an executive director. There are now seven paid employees and many faithful volunteers.

The spark of FMAR started with Pete's retirement after 30 years with General Motors Hydramatic plant driving a high-low. He said he always worked construction, but after he and Marcy married and had twin sons, his father talked him into getting a more solid job that didn't close down in the winter.

It was 30 and out and Pete said he was planning on sitting on the couch, eating bonbons and watching TV after retirement. Marcy was still working as Customer Service Manager at Ford Component Sales.

Marcy suggested he volunteer for Huron Valley Humane Society and he did. She volunteered some, as well, and one day Huron Valley euthanized all the cats in the shelter because one got a transmittable disease. They were all in separate cages and weren't in contact with each other and so the LaFramboises didn't think that was necessary.

They resigned as volunteers and wrote a letter to the Huron Valley board to explain.

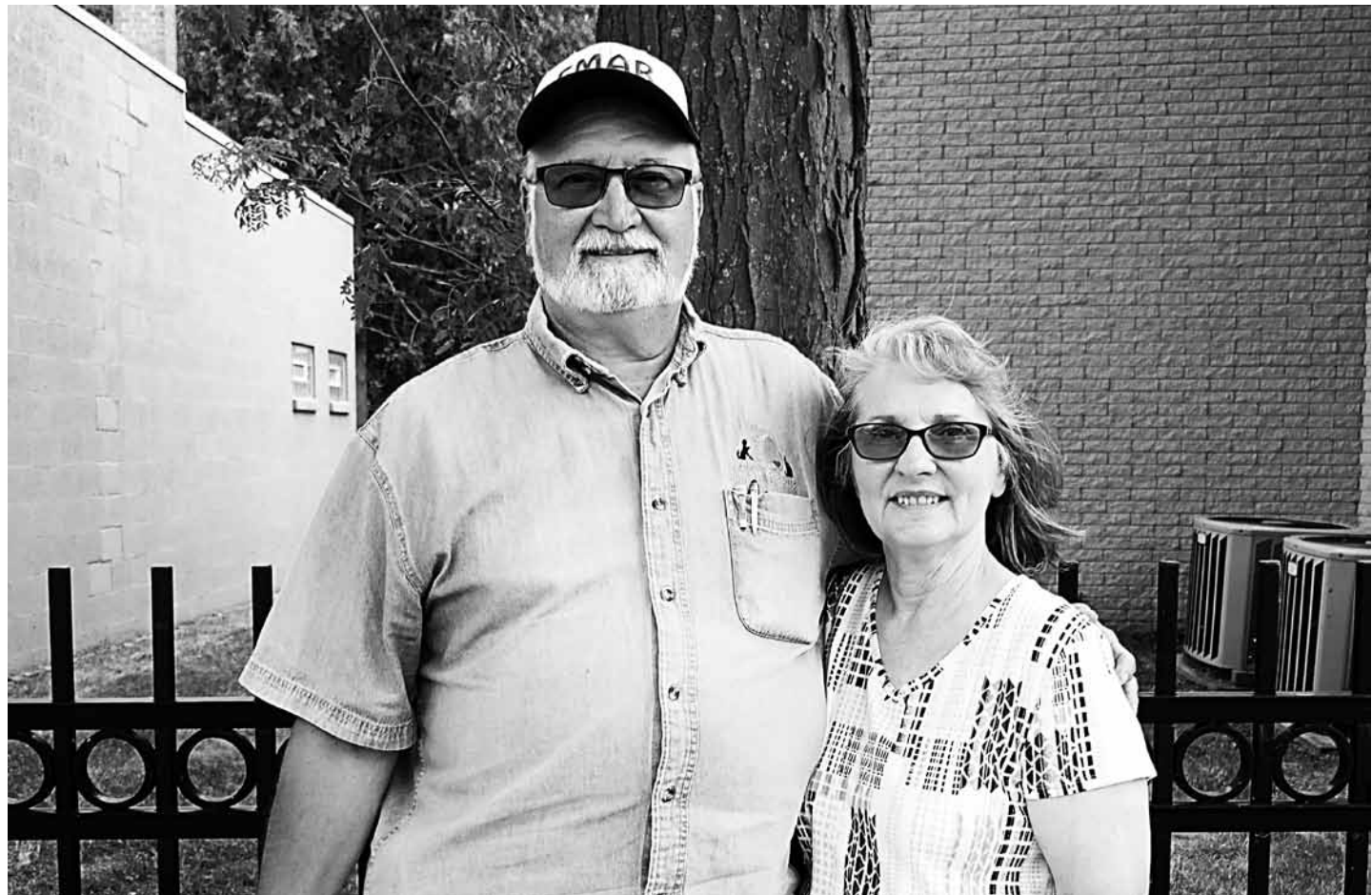
Then, they volunteered with the Van Buren Township Animal Shelter, which was located next to what is now Grace Lake Corporate Center on Tyler Road.

Along came Hopalong and after VBT Animal Control Officer Al Ostrowski put the dog on TV, Van Buren Township got thousands of dollars of donations to help with his health care.

Van Buren Township gave the LaFramboises all the letters with money in it and she sent all the money back, since it wasn't needed.

VBT kept \$20,000 and gave Pete and Marcy \$7,500 to distribute to shelters and they did.

They had been taking care of dogs from the VBT shelter at their Sheldon Road



Pete and Marcy LaFramboise

home, which Marcy called their "dream home."

She said she and Pete got on the computer and within four weeks had formed FMAR with a nonprofit status for a fee of \$500 to enable them to raise unlimited funds.

Then, Billy ran away. He was a dog surrendered by his owner to VBT and so they had to build a fence.

They wanted to put in a kennel, but VBT told them they needed 40 acres or to buy an existing kennel. Marcy said there was only one existing kennel in the township and the owner did not wish to sell.

They went looking for a place for the pets and found the six-and-a-half acres in Sumpter Township and, "Sumpter wanted us there," Marcy said. The land on Arkona Road, just off Rawsonville Road, had an 8,400 square foot barn, a smaller barn, and a house that was falling down.

It was perfect for the animals. The polebarn has been added on three times since then. She said they needed a bathroom and now there are three on the property. The dog kennels were expanded and there are about 27 dogs there now.

Sumpter Township now uses the shelter to house the strays the police pick up. She said 75% of the dogs are not reclaimed by owners and many are taken into the shelter to go out for adoption.

They were able to get another pole barn donated and moved it six miles south on

Rawsonville Road. Gasper moved it for free and DTE, Wayne County, Washtenaw County, and Sumpter Township offered free services. Marcy said the only charge came from AT&T, where their son worked. It charged \$5,000.

All the cats were put into that building. Cats range in number from 60 to 70 in the cold months, to 100 to 120 in the summer, Marcy said.

That pole barn has an inside now that is like a house with lots of storage and areas for the cats to play. Marcy said she gets down on her hands and knees to scrub the floors for the cat house to keep it clean.

FMAR instituted a Trap, Neuter, Return program and has a van for that, along with the van for the main shelter.

Marcy quit her job in 2011 and there were no retirement benefits, like Pete had. She said she gave money to the shelter from her 401K for it to pay its rent back to her and Pete.

"We've put hundreds of thousands of dollars into the shelter," Marcy said, including the payments Pete made from his pocket for the three pieces of heavy equipment in the shelter's name.

Now that they are retired, they were able to go up to Rose City to clean out the trailer owned by Pete's late father and to "visit every restaurant in Cadillac".

Before retirement, they only took Thanksgiving week off and gave the board

and volunteers lots of time to plan for the fill-in shelter work.

Marcy said they had recently redone the house and she loves her new kitchen. "I'm not leaving the house," she said.

Pete will be 69 in November and Marcy is 67. They have three sons. Peter and his wife Belinda live in South Carolina with their son Hayden. Paul and his wife Taleah live in Van Buren Township and have a son Danny and his wife Jessica. That's where the two great-grandchildren come from -- Addie and Arthur. Son James and his wife Kelly live in North Dakota and their three children are all in college: Andrew, Sarah, and Simon.

The family is deciding what to do with the property in Rose City, about a three-hour drive north. It's a nice place for getting away.

"It's time to let the new generation take over," said Marcy, adding they are still supporting the shelter and will go to its fundraisers.

"It's about the animals," Marcy said.

Pete, who grew up on Endicott in Quirk subdivision, and Marcy, who grew up on Lenmoore, both graduated from Belleville High School. Pete had been out of school a couple of years when they met during her junior year and they were married her senior year. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 14.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

VBT joins Waste Management in wetlands battle

"The township is joining the bad guys against this precious wetlands," one upset reader said Friday after reading the story about how the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted to join Waste Management of Michigan in a law suit against the Wayne County Conservation District.

At issue is the wet-mesic flatwoods in the northwest corner of the new part of the landfill being excavated in the township.

Dr. Constance Boris of the conservation district said the 12 acres of wet-mesic flatwoods is a super sponge with big trees, some 200 year old, taking up much water with its roots. She said losing those wetlands in VBT could make flooding in the rest of Wayne County worse than it is.

She has appealed the EGLE permit, which had granted the expansion plan to Waste Management that included the required preserving of 22 acres of wetlands with 70 acres of new wetlands in a different drainage district. And there is a law suit against Waste Management.

One reader commented on our website: "Way to go VBT in sticking it to the environment. Who needs rare protected wetlands when you can make heaps of money dumping garbage in them?..."

Another wrote: "Van Buren Township does not want to bite the hand that feeds them. ...We had a lifetime guarantee for free pick up with the old landfill deal. VBT sided with them on new deal."

We'll see what happens in court.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

State Representative Rajeev Puri stated in his column last week that he and his wife Nidhi are awaiting the arrival of their son any day. He wrote: "New additions for a family bring tremendous joy and excitement. As your state representative, and as a father, it is my belief that everyone, regardless of gender, should have access to paid family and medical leave. A growing body of evidence makes clear that paid family leave has a positive impact on both children and parents, families' economic security, employers, and taxpayers. This is why I plan to lead by example and take leave when our baby arrives."

He said he and his staff were working hard in Lansing to prepare for his paternity leave and after he leaves his office will remain fully operational in assisting constituents with their needs in the coming weeks and months.

It was a two-inch water line that held up the demolition of Huron River Market for two days, explained Belleville DPW Director Rick Rutherford. He said that was taken care of and the big holdup was the massive footings they found in the basement. The building had been erected in 1946. The crew had heavy equipment in place, but it wasn't heavy-duty enough to replace those footings, Rick said. Last week the more-powerful equipment was swapped for the original equipment and the heavy footings were removed.

Mike Kole, CEO of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, sent me an email saying I misrepresented the work he did on Lake Fest in last week's column and was

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wrong to point out he didn't attend the chamber's Lake Fest this year.

He accused me of violating his privacy by "stalking" his wife's Facebook page to report he was on vacation after surgery. I apologize for upsetting his wife. Actually, he demanded an apology to her. I've never seen that Facebook page and was reporting what was related to me by a reliable source. I don't take time to follow social media, but various people let me know if there's something interesting.

We also received an anonymous email saying Kole did a lot of work on preparations for this year's Lake Fest and "He helped conceive of this very event and it was just what the city needed."

The lengthy message also said, in part, "There was no need to create a covert, inaccurate, vague smear of his character. Fortunately, those of us that know the Kole family know better and appreciate everything they do for our city."

A Van Buren Township resident tells me his family is doing "staycations" this year because of the price of gas and problems with air travel. He said they are planning day trips instead. One plan is to go to Belle Isle to see the new garden put in last year and enjoy the river walk. Another plan is to go to Henry Ford (Greenfield Village) where they hadn't been for while and they especially want to see the building

moved from Detroit's farmer's market and preserved. Also, the Detroit Institute of Arts for a day.

At Sunday's Bugles Across America event in Belleville, retired Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor told me retired Sumpter Police Officer Chris McGlynn now works at Greenfield Village in security. He is a Civil War reenactor and so should be right in his element.

It was good to see Ross Medos at Sunday's Bugles Across America. He said he's not doing too well health-wise. Ross started the VFW's nationwide Bugles event here in around 2000 and played Taps on his trumpet for many years -- through snowstorms and rain and shine -- until his health prevented him from continuing.

On Saturday I made a drive-up deposit into my bank account at Chase and a special note came back attached to my receipt. It was red, white, and blue with a picture of an American flag and read: "Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day." What an unexpected surprise.

We are awaiting more information on the reported recent death of Richard Van Der Voort in the Philippines. He graduated from BHS in 1954.



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Letters



Photo by Elaine Gutierrez

'Upside-Down Man' sculpture now in park

To the editor:

The "Upside-Down Man" has found a home at Horizon Park after being in storage for the past ten years in Belleville's DPW. Pictured on top is Lucas, nephew, and on elbow, Jackson, son of Justin Juriga, local artist who donated the statue to the city. Through the efforts of their grandfather, John Juriga, long-time member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, and Ken Voigt, president of BACA, permission was granted from the Belleville City Council to place the sculpture in the park.

BACA wishes to thank Jim Chudzinski, owner of Sumpter Collision, for completely refinishing the statue, so that it is safe for children to climb. BACA's Music Lakeside continues throughout the summer on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. In addition to the throngs of music enthusiasts sitting along the lakefront, hundreds more have been enjoying the concerts from their boats with the additional sound system set up for listening on the lake.

Belleville Area Council for the Arts

Thank you to St. Jude

To the editor:

I would like to thank St. Jude for answering my prayers. I will continue to pray this prayer for my needs. Please publish this prayer as my thank you to St. Jude.

G.R., Belleville

St. Jude's Novena

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Reggie Miller is worthy of your vote on Aug. 2

To the editor:

REGGIE MILLER, Democratic candidate for Michigan State Representative, District 31- our District, is an excellent candidate, worthy of our vote. Reggie Miller currently serves as a Trustee in Van Buren Township, now serving her third term. She has a record of excellent, dedicated service to our community.

I endorse REGGIE MILLER as an intelligent, well-informed, hard-working, accessible, and trustworthy candidate. She has all the qualities we need in a State Representative and has such qualities in abundance.

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, I will vote for REGGIE MILLER to be the Democratic candidate for State Representative and ask you to do the same. Our community would be well-served by REGGIE MILLER.

Barbara Miller
Resident, Van Buren Township

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, July 7** – Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville brings a free concert at 7 p.m. with the Dave Hamilton Band bringing rock and soul.

• **Friday, July 8** – Canton Community Band performs a free concert at 7 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The band has about 50 members, including local musicians.

• **Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9** – Elvis Festival, 4 p.m.–midnight on Friday and 11 a.m.–midnight on Saturday at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township

• **Monday, July 11** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.

• **Tuesday, July 12** – Lower Huron Metropark is hosting a free Adaptive Sports Clinic for Tennis, 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Recommended for children ages 6 and up and adults. Requires pre-registration at least three days in advance. Will offer instruction on the sport and the equipment used, as well as time to enjoy the game. Call Katie Kowalski at (810) 494-6020.

• **Wednesday, July 13** – Free concert at Quirk Park in Van Buren Township. "Toppermost" Beatles' tribute begins at 7 p.m. FREE Hotdog meal to the first 100 attendees provided by Dana's Dawgs.

• **Thursday, July 14** – Willow Metropark is hosting a free Adaptive Sports Clinic for Handcycling, 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Recommended for children ages 6 and up and adults. Requires pre-registration at least three days in advance. Will offer instruction on the sport and the equipment used, as well as time to take a spin on the trail. Call Katie Kowalski at (810) 494-6020.

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Moe's Farm on Sumpter Road next to the Sumpter Fire Station is open for another year with seasonable vegetables, including green tomatoes, onions, redskin potatoes, zucchini, yellow squash, cabbage, and cucumbers. Mary Johnson and family have been providing the area with homegrown vegetables, since 1941. They're open seven days, too. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper and like them on Facebook for current updates.

This Thursday's Music Lakeside Concert at Horizon Park features The Dave Hamilton Band (rock/soul) beginning at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the free concert will move across the street to First United Methodist Church on Charles St.

Belleville Lighthouse Church on Savage Road in Van Buren Township will be holding a revival titled "The Road Home -- Returning to God's Glory," July 18-23, at 6 p.m. nightly. Join host Pastors Rev. Bob and Tina Lafferty as they welcome Bishop Bobby Baum on July 19, Bishop Garrett Suggs on July 20, Rev. Jason Brown on

July 21, and Pastor Jeff Sturdivant on July 22-23. Everyone is welcome. Call (734) 673-9302 and see their ad in today's paper.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- Tuesday, July 12 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 14 – Keystone Academy School Board meeting canceled. Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

- Monday, July 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 19 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
- Monday, July 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- Tuesday, July 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 1 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 2 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
- Monday, Aug. 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- Tuesday, Aug. 9 – Sumpter Township

board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Aug. 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 11 -- Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 15 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16, and Wednesday, Aug. 17 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Budget Review
- Monday, Aug. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- Tuesday, Aug. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

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Obituaries



Mark Timothy Mauricio

MARK T. MAURICIO

(August 13, 1966 – June 27, 2022)

Mark Timothy Mauricio, age 55, of New Boston, MI passed away Monday, June 27, 2022 at his home. He was born August 13, 1966 in Highland Park, MI, son of Jose Garcia and Mary Cynthia (Kirk) Mauricio. He enjoyed the outdoors, cutting his grass and boating. Mark is survived by his parents Jose and Mary Mauricio of New Boston, MI, brother Joe (Melinda) Mauricio of Romulus, MI, sister Lynn Jarzyna of Belleville, MI, sister-in-law Carmen Mauricio of Roseville, MI, two nieces: Marisa Mauricio of St. Clair Shores, MI and Jillian (Tom) Fenech-Czlapinski of Belleville, MI, also numerous extended family and friends. Mark was preceded in death by his grandparents, two brothers Mario Carlos Mauricio and Marty Martin Mauricio, also a brother-in-law Timothy Jarzyna.

Visitation was Friday, July 1, 2022 from 3-8 PM with a 6 PM funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Father Bryan Shackett officiated. Interment will be in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.

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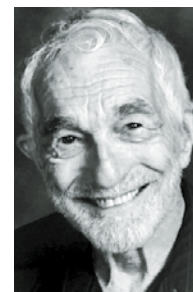
SHIRLEY JEAN CLARK-PIERCE

(January 7, 1953 – June 23, 2022)

Shirley (Jean) lived in Belleville/Ypsilanti and retired from General Motors in January 2003 where she was a hi-low driver (hi-low Queen). She leaves behind a daughter, Keyia Marie Pierce and three grandchildren Samantha Foster, Douglas Foster and Allaen Foster, and 6 and a half great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind two brothers William Clark and Alan Clark, two sisters Susan Clark and Annie McNamara, and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Peggie Clark, a brother Calvin Clark (Danny) and two sisters Rachael Clark-Hogan and Deloris Gail Clark. She will be greatly missed.

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Leonard Allen Lowe

LEONARD ALLEN LOWE

(November 28, 1936 -- June 26, 2022)

Leonard A. Lowe, 85, of Chesterland, OH, passed away peacefully Sunday evening, June 26, at his home. He was born in Ypsilanti, MI on November 28, 1936 to the late Edward Karl Wilhelm and Hazel Crystal (Seeloff) Lowe. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1954. Leonard owned numerous small businesses in Northeastern Ohio throughout his professional career. He was active in the community at St. Mark's Lutheran Church and supported numerous charities including a long-term commitment to providing aid to the children of Haiti.

Leonard will be greatly missed by his children, Adam (Stephanie) Lowe, Eric (Denise) Lowe, Nikki McNary; grandchildren, Connor McNary, Christian Lowe, Nicholas Lowe, Tasha Meredith, Zach Lowe; sister, Ilene Mackie; canine companion Leo; and many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Donald Lowe.

A memorial service was held July 1, 2022 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Chesterland, OH with Pastor Mark Matzke officiating. Arrangements were by Best Funeral Home, Middlefield, OH.

COVID-19 deaths rise by one over two weeks in 48111 zip code

The Wayne County Health Department announced the percentage of people in each municipality who have positive tests for COVID-19 as of July 3. Deaths were announced as 133 as of June 20 in the 48111 area and rose to 134 in the July 3 tally.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 rose to 9,947 on Sunday, July 3, up from 9,881 on Monday, June 27.

On Sunday, July 3, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 6,866 positive cases in a total population of 46,609, making 14.7%, with 88 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,099 positive cases in a total population of 3,898, making 27.6%, with 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 1,982 positive cases in a population of 13,354, making 14.8%, with 32 deaths.

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Library press release explains background of Library millage question

In 2010, the voters of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren passed an operating millage to fund the Belleville Area District Library. This millage expired at the end of 2021. On the Aug. 2 ballot, voters will be asked to consider the restoration of the 2010 millage.

This millage represents almost half of the library's operating budget which determines library hours, services, programs, book purchases, building cleaning and upkeep, payment of utility bills, etc. The original 2010 millage was 0.7 mills for 12 years. Over the years this amount has been reduced by the Headlee Amendment to 0.6864 mills.

The length of time for the proposed millage restoration is 15 years. This will align it with the library's other operating millage that was approved by the voters in 2016 to cover costs of operating the new library and branch. (The 2016 millage was for 0.75 mills for 20 years and has been reduced by the Headlee Amendment to 0.7354 mills.)

The new library features:

- More space for books and materials
- An early childhood literacy area in the children's room
- Meeting, tutoring, and quiet study rooms
- Quiet area for adults
- Local history/genealogy room
- Separate teen room
- Computers in the adult, teen, and children's areas
- Expanded digital collection (eBooks, downloadable audio books, movies, etc.)
- Computer classes, tech tutoring, and WiFi hotspots
- Faxing, scanning, and printing services

The ballot language explains that the proposed millage "restores millage that expired with the 2021 tax levy". Since the original millage expired in December 2021, and it is now 2022, it can no longer be called a renewal on the ballot. (There were no district-wide general elections in 2021, so the library opted to wait until 2022, to avoid the additional cost of a special election with fewer voters likely turning out). **There is no tax increase over 2021 levels.**

The library appreciates the historical support provided by the community and looks forward to serving the citizens of Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren for generations to come.

Candidates on the local Aug. 2 primary ballot

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Tudor M. Dixon, R, P.O. Box 21085, Lansing 48909

Ryan D. Kelley, R, 11275 Wild Duck Ln., Allendale 49401

Ralph Rebandt, R, 20806 Deerfield, Farmington Hills, 48335

Kevin Rinke, R, 6805 Colby Ln., Bloomfield

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Garrett Soldano, R, 8357 Barony Pt., Mattawan 49071

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Debbie Dingell, D, 1937 Boulder Dr., Ann Arbor 48104

Hima Kolanagireddy, R, 18152 Shagbark Dr., Northville, 48168

Whittney Williams, R., 43311 Joy Rd., #191, Canton 48187

State Senate 4th District, 4 years

Darrin Camilleri, D, 2964 Harrison Ave., Trenton 48183

James Chapman, R, P.O. Box 2665, Belleville 48112

Michael Frazier, R, 22030 Dubois St., Romulus 48174

Houston W. James, r, 28442 Dawnridge Dr., Flat Rock 48134

Beth Socia, R, 30234 Apple Grove Way, Flat Rock 48134

State Rep. 24th district, 2 years

Ranjeev Puri, D, 761 Roosevelt, Canton

John Anthony, R, 43147 Fernwood St., Canton

State Rep. 29th district, 2 years

Alex Garza, D, 25055 Crowley St., Taylor, 48180
James DeSana, R, 2230 W. Sigler Rd., Carenton 48117

Sam Ditzhazy, R, 9045 Roosevelt St., Taylor 48180

Jack Richert, R, 19601 Clark, Belleville 48111

Brian Warzocha, R, 23183 Stag Ct., New Boston 48164

State Rep, 31st district, 2 years

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Glenn R. Morrison, Jr., D, 9166 E. Walden Dr., Van Buren 48111

Dale Biniecki, R, 2390 Doty Rd., Monroe 48162

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Corey James Blue, R, 19234 Sumpter Rd., Belleville 48111

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Belleville DDA agrees it's time to follow through on plans

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

"We spent a lot of money to develop a master plan and then don't go forward," Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley told the city's Downtown Development Authority at its regular meeting June 15.

That was following chairman Alicia McGovern's comments on how there are a lot of ideas, but they need a marketing plan. She said DDA Director Tim McLean looked at the old marketing plan put together by the Anderson Economic Group in 2004 that cost \$30,000."

Director McLean said the city council had a strategy session and talked of branding and marketing and the DDA should work with the city.

"I thought we had a brand of 'Belleville Downtown on the Lake,'" said treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams.

"That's a tagline," said chairperson McGovern. "We have the opportunity to refresh it. 'It's time to discuss and put something in place to move forward.'"

Mayor Conley said the DDA has to put an electronic plan in place to promote the city and hire somebody to do it. "Belleville Downtown on the Lake" is the logo because Belleville has a lake, Mayor Conley said. "There's no need to reinvent the wheel," she said.

She said they need an active plan, not just a study and, "Yep, now we've got to do something," Conley said.

McLean said the study done year's ago was pie in the sky and now it's time to do something.

McGovern asked the DDA if it wanted the economic committee to develop an idea and go out for quotes for a marketing firm? The firms could come in and give presentations, she said.

McLean said Belleville doesn't engage in the state's Redevelopment Ready Communities through the MEDC for a streamlined and consistent plan. He said there is a lengthy development process to get certified and the city has to do it.

He said there is no cost to engage, but it could lead to changes that would cost money. He said they moved forward five years ago for certification at a community

where he previously served and they still are not certified.

"Can we find out more about it?" McGovern asked.

McLean said there are more than 300 municipalities engaged but the MEDC has just a handful of planners and there is a backlog.

"We already voted to do this before COVID two years ago," said Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt, referring to the city council. "It was with a different city manager and it went by the wayside."

McGovern asked if they could look into a partnership between the city and the DDA.

"I would," Voigt said. "I don't know about the rest of the council, but I would... We received an information packet from the state in our email."

"It's a good place to start," McLean said, adding he could update the DDA by Friday.

McGovern said the economic development committee will send out a call for proposals and put a plan together. The economic development committee is made up of McGovern, McLean, and Kelly McWilliams.

In other business at the regular meeting on June 15, the DDA:

- Heard McLean report he was putting in dog stations at Victory, Horizon, and Village parks, as requested;

- Heard McWilliams say the bushes have grown up in Horizon Park by the gazebo and need to be trimmed. She said they are overgrown and she wants it to look nice. And, she added, there is no bush yet in front of "Kerreen's eyesore." She referred to the electrical box installed that Conley said was ugly just setting in the grass. McLean said they were having a contractual problem with Randy Brown Landscaping, which would cover that, but they could have a conversation with Pioneer Landscaping which takes care of the parks. Conley said Pioneer is doing a great job and she's seen workers down on their hands and knees doing the job;

- Heard Richardson-Williams, who lives in Victoria Commons, say the asphalt at Village Park has three feet of weeds growing through the cracks and it

at least should be cut down. McGovern said a committee is being set up between the DDA and the neighborhood to see what should be done there. Richardson-Williams said they can't just let the weeds grow while the committee deliberates. City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said Pioneer had a little glitch by the playscape and ponds between the fence and roads, but a simple phone call solved that. They are very, very responsive, Robinson said;

- Heard Victoria Commons resident Brian Kosakowski say he is frustrated with what's being done in his neighborhood with his board and the DDA. He said he had spinal rehab and have to walk, walk, walk and he sees the roads in disrepair and a pothole in front of his home. He said he bought patch and filled some. "I heard this board reached out to our homeowners' association board to help pay for the park," he said. Conley said the Victoria Commons roads are city roads and the city did pavement assessments and got results from horrible to not too bad for city streets. She said they've reached out for grants and tried to get a special assessment and that didn't work out well, either. She said short of a citywide assessment, they don't have the money for road improvement. She said she lives in Harbour Pointe and the roads there are the worst in the city. Kosakowski said the city is using a wait and hope approach while the roads are getting worse. "My homeowner association board doesn't have the funding and until we see improvements" they won't be paying anything. He said the fountain behind Oxford isn't working and McLean said the repair is being addressed; and

- Heard McGovern suggest scheduling a visit from legislators and have them walk the DDA district with DDA members. Conley suggested reinstating the Saturday coffee hours with legislators at city hall for legislative updates and hearing residents' concerns. This was put on the agenda for the next meeting.

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VBT board holds public hearing on Haggerty Sub sidewalk project

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Seven residents of Haggerty Sub let the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees know how they feel about paying for repairs to sidewalks in front of their homes as part of a township project.

Engineering consultant Dave Potter said 715 out of the 750 homes in the subdivision – technically named Van Buren Estates – have been targeted for sidewalk updates.

Those homes have been sent notices with estimates, but Potter said the bids came in that afternoon and the actual costs will be about half of what was estimated. After the bids are approved, homeowners will get new letters with the actual cost.

The homeowners can do the repairs themselves or go with the township’s contractor. They have three years to pay off the cost of the repairs at 1.5% interest.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the people of the township are liable for the sidewalks under a state law. He said the board passed a resolution to help the people and the township is paying \$120,000.

A woman who said she has lived in the subdivision since 1984 asked what about senior citizens who can’t afford to pay?

Supervisor McNamara said, “We can’t do that. We’re doing a lot to keep it down.

“Based on the numbers I’ve seen, if it was me, I’d sit tight and let the township do it,” he said.

“The roads need repairs, too,” the woman said and McNamara replied, “Wayne County will tell you, you have to pay for it.”

McNamara said the township had money in the bank for a rainy day and, “We want to help.”

Larry Luckett, director of public services, said the estimate was \$12 per square foot and the bids were \$6-\$9 square foot.

McNamara said they went to Canton to seek bidders since Canton is doing the same thing. He said property owners can take 45% off their estimated costs.

“Last thing we want to do is to tick off 700 residents,” McNamara said, saying because of the liability they want to get it done soon.

“You’re our gateway community,” McNamara said. “We want to make sure you look good.”

Kory Munro of Van Buren Street said he had questions about his sidewalk and never got a return call.

Director Luckett said he walked miles and

miles in the subdivision and he will follow Munro home that evening and explain why his sidewalk has a green mark, which means it is the homeowner’s responsibility.

The red marks are being paid for by the township.

“We’re not here to harm you ... no favoritism,” Luckett said.

Others spoke up, as well, against having to pay for sidewalk repairs. They were told the contractor would have a one-year maintenance guarantee.

A woman on Arthur Street had a tree problem, as did others.

In other business at the one-hour-and-36-minute June 21 meeting, the board:

- Approved the 2021 annual audit of all township funds, presented by David Helisek and Kristin Colella of Plante Moran. They said the township’s pension fund liability funding is 77%, up 7% from two years ago;

- Approved levying allocated millage of 0.8935 mill and extra voted millage for public safety of 6.3528 mills for a total of 7.2463 mills on taxable property in 2022. The real and personal property value is \$1,234,292,814 with the tax amounting to \$8,944,056;

- Approved the personal service agreement of Kevin Lawrence as water and sewer director. He has 20 years of service in the field, having served as public services director for the City of Ecorse, the Village of Beverly Hills, and City of Grosse Pointe;

- Approved the personal service agreement with Joseph Ketchum as director of parks. He served as park superintendent for West Bloomfield Township for 12 years and has a career of 25 years in the parks and recreation department;

- Approved an agreement with Wayne County for French Landing Park Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$34,984;

- Approved the first readings of ordinances on waterways, reducing many minor violations to civil infractions and adopting amendments to state law; the fire prevention code; and rezoning 30.88 acres of property from R-1B Single Family Residential to M-1 Light Industrial for Ashley Capital;

- Approved Guidepost Solutions, LLC for the Community Center Technology & Security Designer Consultant for \$69,970. Five bidders were contacted, but only one submitted a qualified bid. It was

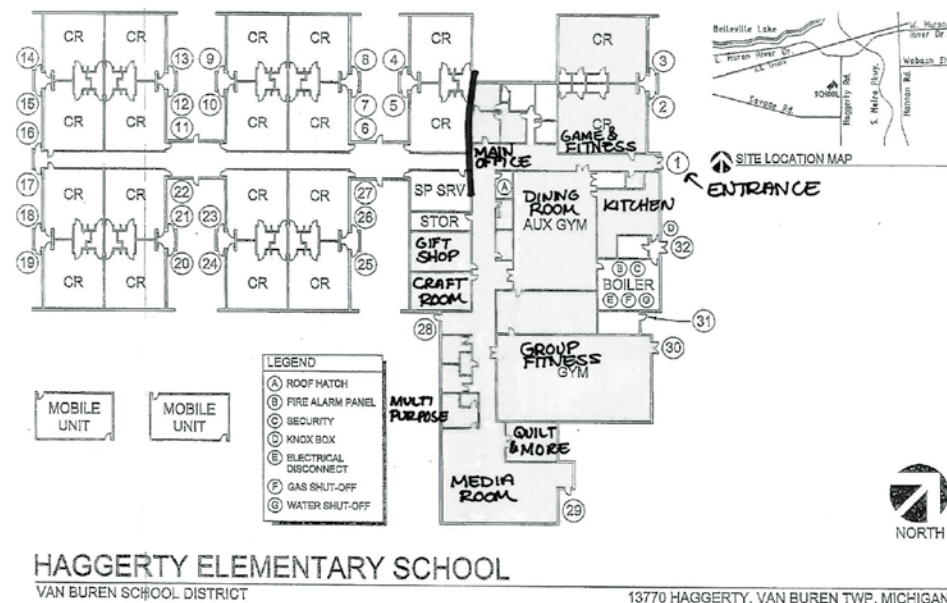
explained that with current workloads and government grant money recently being issued, technology/security design firms are over-extended with their current client commitments;

- Approved DRC Cleaning Solutions of Romulus for janitorial services at Haggerty School for \$2,605 per month while the Senior Center is occupying the building.

The Haggerty site was due to open to seniors on June 27; and

- Approved a resolution to accept jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility for the Iron Belle Trail Section B project, which runs from Rawsonville/Grove roads to the “saddle” in Van Buren Park. The bid award for this will be at the next meeting.

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Sumpter board wrestles with ways to clean up the parks, fix docks

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a dock was damaged at Banotai Park over the last week end in June, Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman got out his heavy equipment and tore it down because he said it couldn't be fixed.

At the June 28 meeting of the township board of trustees there were many comments on the poor condition of Banotai Park and the vandalism that ruins the park for the public.

During the workshop session before the regular meeting, Trustee Peggy Morgan said she wanted to talk about the parks.

"We need someone there on weekends," she said, noting the fishing pier was vandalized and the supervisor took it out of the water. She asked if it was irreparable and couldn't they at least have put a caution tape around it.

"There was no fixing the dock," replied Supervisor Tim Bowman.

"I'd like the board to have some cleaning up there," Trustee Morgan said. She said the beach needs cleaning up and people use it for a bathroom. "We've talked about it for years and we need to move forward."

Trustee Matthew Oddy said he was glad the supervisor took out the dock and, "It was a danger for years ... Wood only last so long before it rots out." He said the supervisor is making plans to improve the parks. Oddy reminded board members the park volunteers are an unpaid group.

Supervisor Bowman said the parks are already in plans that he will bring to the board. He called for better construction that will last a long time.

"Make sure the bathrooms are cleaned a couple of times a day, especially in the summer," Trustee Morgan said.

During public comment at the regular meeting, Sharon Pokerwinski, who serves as Parks and Recreation Commission member and parks manager, said Bowman said a year ago that he would fix the dock. She said she got a grant from Wayne County for fixing it and now the county is withdrawing the grant because it doesn't want to pay for a new dock.

Pokerwinski said after the Memorial Day weekend, the park was atrocious and a fence was down, "and the supervisor did it."

"Parks and Rec isn't here to clean up the park," she said. "We're here to put on events... Nobody is cleaning the parks." She said \$17,707 is the most they got from the county in grants.

"I really feel sorry for our residents," she said, noting a family had their dogs out there and all the no-dog signs were gone except one. She asked if they should get new ones, since those were just put up.

"Parks and Rec. is ready to do our events, but we need the parks cleaned," Pokerwinski said.

Trustee Oddy said the supervisor removed the dock because it was unsafe

and the township should follow up on that. It couldn't be renovated, he said.

Pokerwinski said the county is not going to give Sumpter the money.

"They're renovating the old dock, not putting in a new dock," Oddy said, adding someone should explain that to the county.

Clerk Esther Hurst said the docks were put in in the 1990s and they are old docks put up when Marvin Banotai was supervisor.

Oddy said he believed they went up in 2014.

During her public comments, resident Mary Ban told Supervisor Bowman, "I think you prevented a lawsuit – if somebody falls on the dock and breaks a leg."

Trustee Tim Rush, board liaison to Parks and Rec., said at 3:09 p.m., Sunday, June 26, he got a call on the phone from Police Officer Bart Devos, Jr., about the damaged railing on the main platform. Something had to be done and so Supervisor Bowman went out with his excavator and removed the dock.

Trustee Rush said as he was leaving the park, two recreational vehicles operated by juveniles sped into the park did donuts and then sped out of the parking area, dusting his truck and other vehicles. He said Officer Devos pursued them and caught them. He said the two had been a menace for some time.

Rush said there is drinking, trash, dogs on the beach, vandalism, and theft at the park. Signs are gone. He said he picked up 20 beer cans, some floating in the water. He said most of the visitors were from out of town.

Rush said he could write specifications for a closed-circuit camera and they could

go out for bids or there could be daily supervision. He said not to put it on the police department, who come out there when needed.

Parks and Rec member Donna Stewart said Chief Eric Luke had suggested that at a Parks and Rec meeting years ago.

Pokerwinski said somebody went through the butterfly habitat and moved the bench there into the weeds. It has been moved back.

"I just want to get the parks back to where they were before," Pokerwinski said.

Trustee Don LaPorte said there is clearly a need for attention to the parks. He suggested asking DPW Director John Danci to check with neighboring communities on how they handle their parks. "We need to know what our needs are before we go writing checks for closed-circuit cameras," he said.

"I have a plan," Supervisor Bowman reminded them, and Trustee LaPorte asked when it will be announced.

"When I come up with the plan, I'll let the board know and the community know," Bowman said.

LaPorte added that new signs also are needed at the fairgrounds. Oddy said they took the old sign off the senior center and he would like to see it put back. He said the previous township manager was looking into that.

When restricting access to the parks was suggested, Trustee Morgan said years ago she read that the township can't keep people out of their parks and still get county grants.

Bowman suggested paid permits for people using the parks, with the township residents paying less than those from outside.

Pokerwinski said you can't charge people from Wayne County if you are using county grants. She said most of the people who use Banotai Park are from Detroit, Ypsilanti, Monroe, and Jackson. She said she talks to the people and asks where they are from and just a handful are from Sumpter.

"Part of the plan is to have somebody there all the time," Bowman said.

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Keystone Academy wins Best & Brightest award for second year in a row

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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Keystone Academy in Sumpter Township won the 2021 Metro Detroit's Best & Brightest Companies to Work For award for the second year in a row.

Keystone Principal Jorvanna Drain told the Keystone Board of Directors at a recent meeting that out of thousands of entries, Keystone was chosen as one of the winners.

The Service Center nominated Keystone for the award and completed an application that included the school's data. The winning criteria is heavily based on the staff engagement survey results pertaining to communication, recognition, culture and more, Drain said.

In other business at a recent meeting, the board:

- Approved a resolution to relinquish federal funds for Title III Immigrant Student Allocations because Keystone only qualifies for \$236 total and it costs more than that just to handle the money. Whatever needs the immigrant students have are handled with other funds; and

- Heard Drain announce there were currently 658 students at Keystone. The percentage of white students has dropped from 71% to 68% and the free and reduced lunch students have risen from 42% to 46%, with the other local district at 51%. The top districts of Keystone student residences are: Van Buren Public Schools, 58%; Lincoln Consolidated, 22%; Romulus Community, 6%; and Wayne-Westland and Ypsilanti Community Schools, both 2%.



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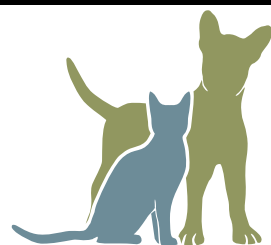
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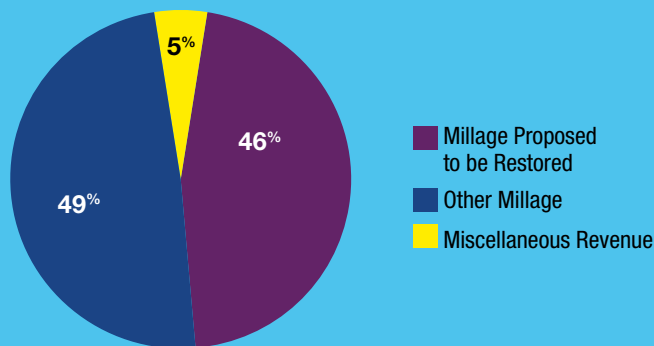
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Sumpter board votes 6-1 to promote Burdick to township manager

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on June 28, the Sumpter Township Board of trustees approved hiring its Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick of Arkona Road as its new township manager on a 6-1 vote. Trustee Peggy Morgan voted no because she said she had not been furnished with the background information the other board members said they had. She told Burdick after the meeting that her vote was not to be interpreted as being against him personally.

Trustee Morgan asked about why this position was called township *administrator* and then changed to township *manager* and Trustee Matthew Oddy said the terms had been used interchangeably.

"I never saw his resume or any minutes from the hiring committee meeting," Morgan said.

Trustee Oddy said if it didn't come in the packet, she had five days to request it and she can ask for it.

"I reviewed his resume. He had been an applicant [and then withdrew the first time around]," Oddy said.

"The hiring committee had it," Trustee Tim Rush explained.

"Who's the hiring committee?" Sharon Pokerwinski asked from the audience, and attorney Rob Young said Bowman was running the meeting didn't need to allow questions.

"Who is the hiring committee?" Pokerwinski repeated and Treasurer Vincent Warren, the committee chairman, named the committee members which included Oddy and Rush.

Burdick was approved to become

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **July 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will hold public hearings regarding the following items:

1. **Draft Sumpter Road Corridor Plan.** The Charter Township of Van Buren has completed a draft amendment to its 2020 Master Plan to address a sub area located along and near Sumpter Road between Bemis Road and Industrial Park Drive. The Plan includes proposed changes to the Township's Future Land Use Map to change approximately 41.1 acres of land currently designated as Local Commercial, Rural Settlement or Mixed Use District to Sumpter Road Mixed Use District future land use and to change approximately 6.2 acres from Local Commercial to Rural Settlement future land use.

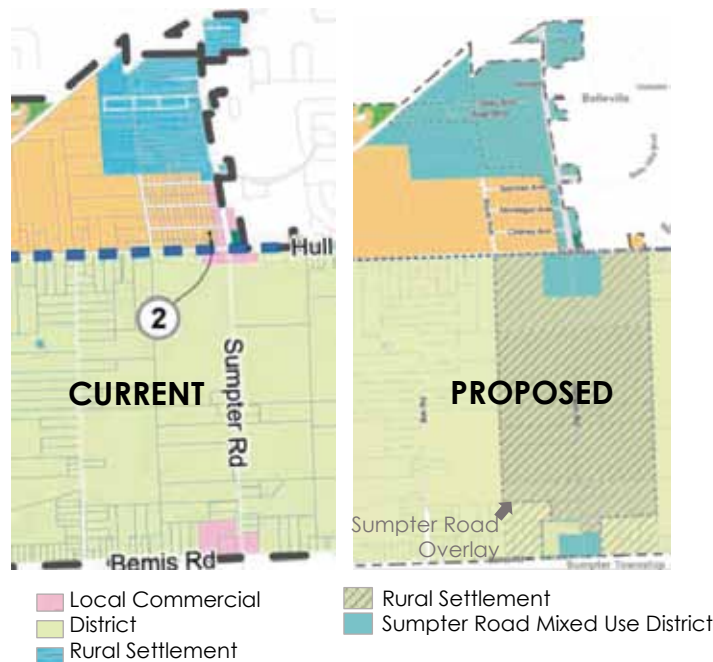
2. **Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:** Proposed amendments and additions to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance to initiate a proposed **Sumpter Road Mixed Use (SRMU) Zoning District and Sumpter Road Overlay District (SROD):**

1. Article 2, Section 2.102. Definitions, Specific Terms.
2. Article 3 – Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses: Section 3.104 (Permitted Uses by District), Section 3.105 (Footnotes to the Table of Permitted Uses and Special Land Uses by District), Section 3.119 (Belleville Road Mixed Use District) and Section 3.121 (Sumpter Road Mixed Use District).
3. Article 4, Section 4.102. Schedule of Regulations.
4. Article 6, Chapter 4. Supplemental zoning district standards, Sumpter Road Overlay District.

The full draft Sumpter Road Corridor Plan and the full set of proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments are available on the Township website by accessing www.vanburen-mi.org and clicking "Sumpter Road Corridor Plan", and are also available at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. A complete procedure for public comment by electronic means is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org. To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900, extension 9205.

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ORPHAN OF THE WEEK LARKSPUR



HI FRIENDS! MY NAME IS LARKSPUR!

I'm a year and two months old and I came to the shelter with my brother, but he found his forever home. I'm happy for him because he was more shy than me. I like to be up high and watch everyone down below. Sometimes it takes me a while to come meet new people, but when you get me down, I love to play! I think I'd love another young cat to play and wrestle with. Maybe if I have a feline friend to show me around the house, my true self will shine through quicker!

If you'd like to adopt me, please go to friendsofmichigan.org/adoptable-cats to submit an application. I'm neutered, microchipped, up to date on vaccinations, and negative for FIV/FelV.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue

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VBT

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Wayne County Airport Authority is in

charge, but VBT issues permits for the building trades and a sanitary permit to YCUA;

• Heard Arby's at 10940 Belleville Rd.

will remodel its building, as it first planned in 2019, and will be approved after administrative review. Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked if Arby's has a park bench as

required by the ordinance and Power said he would make a review;

• Learned the 3,062-square-foot former Payless Shoe Store building at 2153 Rawsonville Rd. has been sold and the store renovated as a beauty supply store. Power said there is a house behind the store that shares access. The parking lot has been redone, along with a new dumpster enclosure, as well as indoor upgrades;

• Heard Commissioner Jahr ask if they had heard back from Cobblestone Creek about details of its plan and Power said staff is looking at materials now; and

• Heard Commissioner Medina Atchinson ask if the township has heard back from Camping World on details concerning its proposed painting booth that it needs to get its project approved. Power said he has made a pest of himself calling Camping World's world headquarters to get the details for submittal so the project can continue.



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City of Belleville Water Department

Consumer Confidence Report

The Belleville Water Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety.

Overview

The City of Belleville is proud of the fine drinking water it provides. This annual water quality report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests and contains much important information about water and health. Belleville Water Department will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water. We are happy to show you how we have surpassed water-quality standards. You will receive reports like this each and every year by July 1 regarding your water.

Drinking water quality is important to our community and the region. The City of Belleville and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are committed to meeting state and federal water quality standards including the Lead and Copper Rule. With the Great Lakes as our water source and proven treatment technologies, the GLWA consistently delivers safe drinking water to our community. Belleville operates the system of water mains that carry this water to your home's service line. This year's Water Quality Report highlights the performance of GLWA and Belleville water professionals in delivering some of the nation's best drinking water. Together, we remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about our drinking water.

Water Source

The City of Belleville water is supplied by the Great Lakes Water Authority from its Southwest Water Treatment Plant. The Great Lakes Water Authority provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 Michigan Communities. The City of Belleville purchased over 111,425,000 gallons of water in 2019.

The system uses water drawn from the Detroit River through a 12-foot diameter intake that is approximately 120-feet deep. The line slopes to a depth of 132-feet in approximately one mile where it connects at a vertical shore shaft, which causes raw water to rise and enter a land tunnel. The 12-foot diameter shore or land tunnel travels another 3 miles to the Southwest plant's low lift pumps. The many miles of deep raw water tunnels are periodically inspected either by divers or with cameras for structural integrity and zebra mussel infestation.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of GLWA's Detroit River source water for potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is based on a seven-tiered scale and ranges from "very low" to "very high" determined primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and potential contaminant sources. The report described GLWA's Detroit River intakes as highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four GLWA water treatment plants that service the City of Detroit and draw water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment and meet drinking water standards.

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MDHHS recommends Michiganders to avoid foam on waterbodies

As the weather warms up, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommends that Michiganders and visitors avoid foam on Michigan waterbodies such as lakes, rivers, and streams.

Foam can form on any waterbody, and sometimes foam can have harmful chemicals in it. This can include high levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). PFAS-containing foam tends to be bright white in color, lightweight and may pile up along shores or blow onto beaches. An MDHHS evaluation suggests young children who come into contact with PFAS-containing foam for a few hours a day may be more at risk of negative health effects. Some studies in people have shown that higher PFAS exposure is linked to higher cholesterol and thyroid disease.

Natural foam without PFAS is usually off-white and/or brown in color, often has an earthy or fishy scent, and tends to pile up in bays, eddies or at river barriers such as dams.

If you do come in contact with foam, MDHHS recommends that you rinse off or bathe as soon as possible. This is especially true if the waterbody has suspected PFAS contamination. Coming into contact with foam without rinsing off or bathing can lead to accidentally swallowing foam or foam residue.

"Studies have shown that the risk of PFAS getting into your body from skin contact is low, but you can accidentally swallow PFAS or other chemicals and bacteria if you do not rinse off or bathe after coming into contact with foam," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. "Washing your hands and rinsing off after water activities can protect you from chemicals or bacteria that may be in water or foam."

The science around PFAS is still developing. MDHHS works with local health departments to issue recommendations and health advisories for foam on waterbodies. Health advisories have been issued for some waterbodies where PFAS-containing foam has been found. These advisories can be found in the "PFAS Foam on Lakes and Streams" section of the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team Website. MDHHS continues to review data on PFAS-containing foam as it is available and will issue advisories as needed.

Sumpter Plan

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he's sure the neighbor will keep a watch on the project.

When asked how long it would take, Girard said it goes fast. He said he did one in six months and a five-acre pond in three months getting rid of what is excavated as he goes.

The motion was passed unanimously to approve the application with the recommendations from Enos, the proper permits, keeping as much in the township as possible, no drainage onto the neighbor, and approval on a variance from the ZBA.

Solar grid array

The commission also unanimously approved an application for a solar array grid to be located on 12 acres at the northwest corner of Haggerty and Wear roads, parcel # 82-81-089-99-0013-703, owned by Kay Brainerd.

Enos said there is a lot of activity in Southeastern Michigan for solar grids, including one proposed for 1,000 acres in Augusta Township. Those opposing it are concerned about farmland and open space.

He said this one is a moderate to small portion on vacant property for 10 acres of solar panels. Enos said there is a gray area in the Sumpter ordinance and the staff was uncomfortable about approving this administratively. They will be screening the home to the north, he said. There will be a six-foot fence and low maintenance.

"I'm recommending approval of this," Enos said, noting it is a well-done plan. He said he wants to make sure she has a customer -- neighbors or DTE. He said they have done a nice job and it can be approved with conditions.

The engineer said Brainerd has only one neighbor next to the house she bought and all the requirements are met. He said they can't get the agreement with DTE until they have approval from the township.

Enos said this is a separate property from her house and the solar grid is the principal use of the property. The engineer said the grid could be expanded in the future.

Oddy said when it grows in the future, they'll have to follow the ordinance for 75' setbacks and the engineer said they have 75' setbacks on this plan.

Enos said if they expand, they'll have to come back to the township to make sure they meet the conditions.

"This solar train is moving forward and it's quite contentious and very large, nearly 1,000 acres in Augusta which could be approved," Enos said. He said residents put their NIMBY (not in my back yard) hat on. He said residents could say it is taking away from the rural character of Sumpter Township.

He said the township could determine how much solar it wants. He said some townships are limiting according to the type of soil to protect farmland. He said some do not allow another solar array within a three-mile radius.

"I like the radius separation," Enos said. He said land is needed for residential development.

Oddy said he sees a lot of solar arrays, but not with wind power included. He said it would be a perfect place to maximize.

The engineer said the winds are better in the Thumb area. He said when the snow falls, the solar output is zero. When it's cloudy, it's 30%.

Oddy recommended the commission review the pond ordinance, limiting the pond area to lot size and putting in any other restrictions. He also would like to see the solar ordinance reviewed again, in the light of new issues found in other communities. He also would like to have it very clear on how to distinguish large arrays from small. He said they could look at

sizes and soil conditions. He said the 1,000 acres array area is huge.

Enos said a lot of communities are doing moratoriums. When there are guys out there looking around, the township goes for a

moratorium.

Commissioner Honey said they are looking for farmland already cleared.

Enos said there is a lot of change in the procedures with them mapping farm tiles for

when the array is discontinued. They leave aluminum poles and a lot of concrete in the ground when they pull out and go. And, they bring in sheep and bees.



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GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2016, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approved the GLWA Surface Water Intake Protection Program Plan. The programs include seven elements that include the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential of sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources, public participation and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment report, please contact GLWA at 313-926-8102.

How Do We Know Our Water Is Safe?

We obtain water from the Great Lakes Water Authority whose treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The treatment process begins with the disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, chemical called alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in the water from household plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

The water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment and throughout the distribution system on a regular basis. The City of Belleville has several testing locations that are tested regularly by the Great Lakes Water Authority. If any contaminants are detected at an unacceptable level, the City as well as the residents will be notified. All of the City of Belleville samples have tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July 2008 the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All UCMR2 contaminants monitored on the list 1 and list 2 in 2008 were undetected. The Great Lakes Water Authority provides the City of Belleville with water. Also, GLWA does not test the water for radon.

What Is Cryptosporidium?

Cryptosporidium is a disease causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface runoff containing animal wastes and sewage discharges.

GLWA voluntarily monitors for Cryptosporidium and Giardia in our untreated source water monthly. The untreated water samples collected from the Southwest Plant indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst in March. In addition, monitoring indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst and one Cryptosporidium oocyst in the untreated water from the Southwest Plant in July. Additional testing was performed on the treated water at the Southwest Plant and Cryptosporidium was absent. All other samples collected in the year 2018 were absent for the presence of Cryptosporidium and Giardia. Systems using surface water like GLWA must provide treatment so that 99.9 percent of Giardia lamblia is removed or inactivated.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in the surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once during a twelve month period at the Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children and the elderly are at the greater risk of developing life threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

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township manager as of July 1 with an annual salary of \$90,000 and a benefit package equal to what he currently has. He is expected to do his deputy clerk job as well as township manager job until a new deputy clerk is appointed at his new manager salary.

Included in the motion to hire Burdick was the dissolution of the township manager hiring committee. That committee last met for 10 minutes on June 27 and voted unanimously in favor of Burdick. The hiring committee's recommendation was not mentioned at the regular board meeting.

In other business at the June 28 meeting, the board:

- Approved recognizing Juneteenth as a township hall holiday and to grant June 5 as the day in lieu of the federal holiday

for the 2022 year. Since township attorney Rob Young is still working on negotiating contracts, he was directed to keep the 15 paid holidays at 15 and work it out in the contracts. Trustee Rush said the employees already get three weeks of holidays, plus vacation pay. Young explained the cost of holidays and the time-and-a-half pay incurred in some positions. Treasurer Vincent Warren, who proposed the Juneteenth holiday, said, "This is about freedom ... I fought in the Persian Gulf";

- Approved the township's investment committee members as: Treasurer Warren, Trustees Matthew Oddy and Don LaPorte, Police Captain Patrick Gannon, and Finance Director Scott Holtz, with Deputy Treasurer Erica Campbell as an alternate. The committee was approved at the last meeting of the board;

- Approved adding one more day of cleaning of the porta-johns at Banotai/ Sherwood Park, making three times a

week;

- Heard Trustee Morgan discuss the specifications for bidding to replace the fairgrounds fencing that has been torn down, along with Mrs. Hoffman's private fencing next door. Supervisor Bowman said he wasn't a fence specialist, but they will see the fence is put back the way it was. Morgan spoke of residential fencing being specified to replace commercial fencing and said she was just trying to make sure the township doesn't have another lawsuit. After some discussion, Oddy suggested they bring the issue back to the building department, make any changes needed, release the changes to the bidders, and extend the deadline for a week or two;

- Heard Parks and Recreation member Donna Stewart announce they doubt there will be a turkey shoot this year because of the cost of meat and ammunition, so they are planning a Food Fair and Crafters Folly for the middle of October. She said they

expect a dozen food trucks to be parked on the grass behind the community center;

- Heard resident Mary Ban ask if there is any update on the museum and Supervisor Bowman said he hasn't heard from the committee. She said she heard that Van Buren Township feels since it is paying the most for the museum and Belleville and Sumpter "pay piddly-squat," that it can say what to do. "Van Buren should not have an attitude," she said, saying it all is about area history. Ban also said the previous Tuesday night there was a major transformer burnout in the Lohr/Bemis roads area and the power was out with no air conditioners when the temperature was 97 degrees. She said her son asked DTE for an assessment because of the growth in the township and DTE told him they would reassess the coverage in the next few weeks;

- Heard Clerk Esther Hurst say the cards for voters telling of their precincts are being printed and will be mailed out in the next few weeks, definitely before the Aug. 2 election;

- Heard Trustee Don LaPorte announce there will be no fire department union chicken broil in 2022 because of the cost of chicken and "with COVID flaring up here and there"; and

- Heard Supervisor Bowman said that at the last board meeting he was verbally attacked by Trustee Morgan. He said it was mentioned Mr. Po was not involved other than selling the property. "What are you accusing me of? That Mr. Po is involved?" he said. "None of us knew Mr. Po. I don't know what you're accusing me of." Trustee Morgan said Trustee Matthew Oddy said during the meeting that the developer had until the 28th to give a presentation and they never mentioned a name. Morgan said as soon as the board adjourned, she was told it was Mr. Po and "that's why I was angry." Oddy asked her why would she be angry. "This guy pled guilty to illegal drug crimes in this community and paid a quarter-million-dollar fine," he said. "You went all the way around," she replied. "You never said who you were talking about. Isn't that strange?" Oddy said he didn't name the company because it wasn't appropriate. Morgan said she was told Po met with him and Oddy replied that was an absolute lie and whoever said that is "an absolute liar." He said he was not going to name who was there, but, "They offered that Mr. Po is not involved." Attorney Young said the individuals talked of industrial development, but it depended on opting in to the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. "I was surprised Mr. Oddy spoke about it," Young said and then addressed Morgan, "You can smirk, wrinkle your face, nod your head yes and no. What you're good at. It's what you like to do."

"When they call the roll in the Senate, the Senators do not know whether to answer 'Present' or 'Not guilty.'"
— Theodore Roosevelt

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Contaminants That May Be Found In Drinking Water

"Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Vulnerability Of Some Population To Contaminants

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline (800-426-4791).

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Court Watching:

Michael Stone bound over to circuit court, can’t travel to Kansas

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Michael Jermaine Stone, 41, of Roseville was arraigned by 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin on Jan. 28 on a criminal sexual conduct first degree charge against a person under 13 and a CSC second degree charge against a person under 13 on Nov. 14, 2021 in Van Buren Township. Stone was in custody and it was a video arraignment. Judge Martin set the bond at \$25,000/10% and set his probable cause conference for Feb. 9. On Feb. 9 his defense attorney said Stone was out of custody, but he needed discovery. Judge Oakley adjourned the probable cause conference until March 2. If he bonds out, he must have a tether installed by House Arrest Services in Eastpointe. He also must not contact the complainant.

On March 2, a different attorney was representing Stone and he needed the discovery. Judge Green adjourned the probable cause conference until March 23 and then to April 13 and then to April 27.

On April 27, defense attorney John English reported problems he had with the Kids Talk discovery and so Judge Martin adjourned the probable cause conference until May 25.

On May 25, attorney English said his client would like permission to travel out of state with his girlfriend Aug. 4-7 to take her son to Independence University in Kansas to assist him with signing up for classes and housing. He said her son is a Belleville High School sports star and this trip is important to the family.

Prosecutor Fortier objected since Stone is a habitual offender and a danger to the community and should be on house arrest. She objected to him going out of state.

English said his client is on a GPS tether and house arrest was not mandated.

Judge Green decided to set the preliminary exam for June 29 so she could hear the case and then make the decision about the trip.

The exam was held June 29 and he was bound over on CSC 1st degree – with a victim 13 or under and an added charge of CSC 4th degree and the charge of CSC 2nd degree was dismissed. His arraignment on the information at the Frank Murphy Hall

of Justice was set for July 13.

Judge Green denied Stone’s request to travel out of state.

Justin Cleeve Johnson

Justin Cleeve Johnson, 20, of Ypsilanti had his probable cause conference adjourned from June 29 to July 6 because his attorney said the surveillance footage was still outstanding for defense discovery. Johnson is charged with breaking into Meijer through the Garden Center on

June 11 and gained entry to the main store through a door that had been left unlocked. He went back three times, according to police, and was caught on the third trip.

He is charged with two counts of safe breaking, two counts of possessing burglar’s tools, two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent, a count of receiving and concealing stolen property worth between \$1,000 and \$20,000, two counts of larceny in a building, one count

of escape while awaiting trial for a felony, and one count of false report of a medical or other emergency. He was freed after posting bond of \$5,000/10% and must not return to any Meijer store.

Justin Devontay Lett

Justin Devontay Lett, 24, of Ypsilanti was scheduled to be before Judge Green on Dec. 1 for his arraignment/probable cause conference on charges of possession of

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Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, Dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system.
Level 2	Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG’s do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	An MCL which involves a biological, chemical or physical characteristic of water that may adversely affect the taste, odor, color or appearance (aesthetics), which may thereby affect public confidence or acceptance of the drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
μohms	Microhms	Measure of electrical conductance of water

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Court watching

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methamphetamine / Ecstasy, possession of analogues, and operating while intoxicated

on July 28, 2020 in Van Buren Township. He failed to appear and the arraignment/probable cause conference was reset for Dec. 22. At that time, Judge Martin arraigned him and set personal bond of \$5,000. His probable cause conference was

set for Jan. 12.

His defense attorney Andrew Sullivan said he needs the video discovery and when Prosecutor Jane Gillis said no video exists, he asked for an adjournment to discuss their options with his client. Judge

Green adjourned the case until Jan. 19 then set the in-person preliminary exam for 1 p.m., March 2. At that time, Lett waived his preliminary exam. He was scheduled for an arraignment on the information at circuit court on March 16. A calendar

conference was set for April 8 and then continued to April 19, at which time he failed to appear and a warrant was put out for his arrest.

Jessica Ann Hartman

Jessica Ann Hartman, 35, of Sumpter Township was scheduled for her arraignment and probable cause conference on Dec. 1 before Judge Green on charges of possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy and possession of narcotic or cocaine on April 5, 2021 in the City of Belleville. She failed to appear and so a warrant was issued for her arrest and entered into LEIN.

Ronald Todd Hamilton

On Dec. 8, Ronald Todd Hamilton of Sumpter Township had his live preliminary exam set for Jan. 12 on a charge of operating while intoxicated – 3rd offense on Sept. 20, 2020 in Sumpter Township. Personal bond was set at \$10,000.

On Jan. 12, he waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for a Jan. 26 arraignment on the information that was reset to Feb. 3. A calendar conference was set for Feb. 10 and the final conference set for March 16 and then adjourned to May 19 and then to July 28.

James Michael Belleville

James Michael Belleville, 50, of Van Buren Township was arraigned by video Dec. 16 by Magistrate Alan Hindman on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence on Dec. 14 in Van Buren Township. A probable cause conference was set for Dec. 22. Bond was set at \$10,000/10%. He was not to be released without a GPS tether and is to stay away from the alleged victim.

On Dec. 22 Judge Martin lowered his bond to \$5,000/10% and set his live preliminary exam for March 9. On March 9, the prosecutor said she couldn't proceed because the complainant did not appear for the exam. Judge Martin dismissed the

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2021 Southwest Regulated Detected Contaminants Table

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
2021 Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	4-13-2021	ppm	4	4	0.58	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	4-13-2021	ppm	10	10	0.37	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

2021 Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of quarterly Results	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	ppb	n/a	80	30 ppb	8.6-25 ppb	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2021	ppb	n/a	60	14 ppb	7.3-23 ppb	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

2021 Disinfection Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRD GL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2021	ppm	4	4	0.60	0.49-0.70	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

2021 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.09 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.			

2021 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap									
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Range of individual results	Violations yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2021	ppb	0	15	Nd	0	0-2 ppb	no	Lead service lines, Corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2021	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.2 ppm	0	0-.5 ppb	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.							Erosion of natural deposits
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Radionuclides-Monitored at the Plant Finished Tap in 2014								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected		Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium 226 and 228	5/13/2014	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54		no	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected 2019		Source of Contamination	
Sodium (ppm)	4-13-2021	ppm	N/A	N/A	4.52		Erosion of natural deposits	

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charges.

Kierra Danielle Gray

A probable cause conference was set for Jan. 12 for Kierra Danielle Gray, 30, of Van Buren Township on charges she negligently operated a motor vehicle with a pregnant individual inside causing a miscarriage/stillbirth and caused a moving violation causing death on June 1, 2021 in Van Buren Township.

She was arraigned by Judge Martin on Dec. 15 and bond was set at \$5,000/10%.

On Jan. 12, the probable cause conference was adjourned until Feb. 9 because the new attorney Scott Ruark needed to find out who is prosecuting the case and review the discovery.

On Feb. 9 Ruark waived the exam for his client and the defendant was bound over to circuit court for a Feb. 23 arraignment on the information, which was reset by the court for March 2. At that time a calendar conference was set for April 5 and then adjourned to April 12. A pretrial was set for May 25 and adjourned to June 17 and then to Aug. 5.

Glenn Scott Patton

Glenn Scott Patton, 52, of Van Buren Township, was before Judge Martin on Dec. 15 to face charges of malicious destruction of fire or police property and assaulting a police officer on Nov. 29 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond of \$5,000 was set with conditions. A probable cause conference was set for Jan. 12 and then, on that date, Judge Green was informed that Patton's attorney had a death in the family and was ill himself. Judge Green adjourned the case until Feb. 9. The attorney did come to court virtually and said he had a bacterial lung infection and it was not COVID. He had recovered from the infection and then it came back on Jan. 9.

On Feb. 9 a live exam was set for Feb. 16, with James Murray as the defense attorney. The exam was held and Patton was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on March 2. A calendar conference was set for March 16 and final conference on May 19, adjourned to July 14.

Joseph Andrew Tipton

Joseph Andrew Tipton, 32, of Inkster and previously of Belleville, had his probable

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Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule - Unregulated contaminants are those for which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. Before EPA regulates a contaminant, it considers adverse health effects, the occurrence of the contaminant in drinking water, and whether the regulation will reduce health risk. The Great Lakes Water Authority monitored for 20 unregulated contaminants quarterly in 2019. The following table list the unregulated substance detected during the calendar year 2019.

Unregulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Highest Level Detected	SMCL	Range of Detection	Noticeable Effects above the SMCL	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Manganese	2019	ppb	0.48	50	0.0-0.48	black to brown color; black staining; bitter metallic taste	Erosion of natural deposits and corrosion of iron pipes

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2021 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using your tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

Lead And Copper Testing

The City of Bellville consists of 1606 service connections of which none are known to be lead and 360 are of un known material. present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Belleville Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Safe drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that GLWA delivers to our community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures, and in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water. Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. The City of Belleville performs required lead and copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses, and can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

Water Quality Data

Your drinking water is continuously monitored above and beyond Federal and State Laws. Monitoring frequencies vary by parameter, so some of the test dates for the results are a few years old because it is the most recent information. In addition, monitoring must be performed by the individual community. The community-specific information is presented in a separate table. The following table shows all the contaminants that were detected in your water.

Your drinking water met all the State and EPA monitoring and reporting requirements for 2021. Not listed are the hundreds of other contaminants tested for, but not found in your water.

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Compliance

This report was prepared by Mr. Steven Svireff, Water System Operator for the City of Belleville using data supplied by the Great Lakes Water Authority and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great lakes and Energy (EGLE). Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Mr. Rick Rutherford at the City of Belleville at 734-697-9323.

This report has been prepared and provided to the residents of the City of Belleville in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399, as amended) 1998 PA 56. This act was passed to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and rules promulgated by the U.S. EPA dealing with this law. Most of the specific language within this report is required and as such cannot be altered.

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cause conference set for Jan. 12 on charges of domestic violence aggravated assault (second offense notice) and assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on March 4, 2021 in the City of Belleville. He was before Judge Martin on Dec. 22.

On Jan. 12, his attorney asked for

an adjournment of the probable cause conference to seek a solution to the problem. Judge Green set the preliminary exam for Feb. 15 and on that date the charges were dismissed on a motion of the defense.

Estacia Rose Obeshaw

Estacia Rose Obeshaw, 21, of Romulus, was scheduled for her probable cause conference on Jan. 12 on receiving and

concealing a stolen vehicle and failure to stop at a property damage accident on Dec. 7 in Van Buren Township. Her bond was set at \$10,000/10% and she must wear a tether if released.

Obeshaw appeared in court by zoom on Jan. 12 and Judge Green noted that Obeshaw was in a treatment facility. Defense attorney Natalie Phelps asked Judge Green to remove the tether and she

ordered it be removed.

A live exam was set for March 2 and on that date Judge Green granted a defense motion to dismiss. The charges were dismissed and the case closed.

The charges were refiled on March 7 and Obeshaw was arraigned on March 23. A preliminary exam was set for May 11. She waived her exam and was bound over to circuit court for a May 25 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference has been set for June 30. At that time a pretrial was set for Aug. 1 and a final conference for Aug. 15.

Alicia Ann Spencer

Alicia Ann Spencer, 37, of Van Buren Township was scheduled for her probable cause conference on Jan. 12 on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence on Dec. 8 in Van Buren Township. Her bond was set at \$5,000/10% by Magistrate Hindman at the Dec. 10 arraignment. On Dec. 22, Judge Martin reduced her bond to personal bond of \$5,000 and ordered that she not be released without an alcohol tether. She may return to an address on Sylvia Dr.

On Jan. 12, Spencer got a plea agreement. She pled guilty to domestic violence and the felonious assault charge was dismissed. She was sentenced to one year of probation, battery counseling, no assaultive contact with the victim, no use of alcohol or drugs, random screening, evaluation and treatment if needed.

Raymond David Coles, Jr.

The preliminary exam was set for Feb. 16 for Raymond David Coles, Jr., 42, of Van Buren Township on two charges of felonious assault (assault with a dangerous weapon) and one charge of domestic violence on Dec. 16 in Van Buren Township. Judge Oakley dismissed the charges without prejudice on a motion of the defense when the complaining victim failed to appear.

Coles was before Judge Oakley on Dec. 29 and his defense attorney Hannah Baron said she needed additional discovery but wished to set the preliminary exam.

Baron asked Judge Oakley to remove the tether her client was required to wear because he cannot afford the cost, since he is supporting his 14-year-old child.

Prosecutor Sona Movsisyan said there were significant injuries in this case and the accused knows where the complaining witness lives and they work in the same auto plant. Judge Oakley ordered the bond continued as is, \$25,000/10%, which was posted, and the GPS tether. After the dismissal, 90% of bond was returned and the tether removed.

Ashley Renee Kreager

Ashley Renee Kreager, 31, of Elizabeth City, NC, waived her preliminary exam on both cases before the court and was bound over to circuit court for a January arraignment on the information. The bind-over packet was received by circuit court on Jan. 20 and she was arraigned on Feb. 22. A calendar conference was set for March 9 and a final conference April 27.

She was charged with possession of
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Public Participation

Each and every month the Great Lakes Water Authority Board meet at the Water Board Building at 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. These meetings as well as public hearings are open to the public. To confirm dates and times of the GLWA meetings residents are encouraged to visit the GLWA website at www.glwater.org.

City Comments

You can save hundreds even thousands of gallons of water each day by making adjustments to your daily routines. Simply install a low flow faucet aerator to save 1 to 3 gallons of water per minute of use. A low flow shower head can save you 10 gallons of water per minute which is an average of about 20,000 gallons a year. Watch for any drips in faucets. A running toilet can waste up to 74,000 gallons of water in just 3 months.

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If you see any suspicious activity around the water system or fire hydrants, contact the City of Belleville Department of Public Works during regular business hours or the Belleville Police Department 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The City of Belleville and the Great Lakes Water Authority are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. We hope you find this report useful. Copies of this report are available at the Belleville City Hall located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Please contact us if you should have any questions or concerns about your water. Also, look for future reports prior to July 1 of each year. Water quality data for community systems throughout the United States is available at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov>.

This report contains important information about your drinking water. Have someone translate if for you, or speak with someone who understands it.

2021 Southwest Tap Water Mineral Analysis

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Turbidity	NTU	0.23	0.03	0.09	Phosphorus	ppm	13.5	9.4	10.8
Total Solids	ppm	172	97	133	Free Carbon Dioxide	ppm	0.45	0.30	0.37
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	150	75	124	Total Hardness	ppm	10.7	0.7	7.0
Aluminum	ppm	0.115	0.023	0.049	Total Alkalinity	ppm	108	96	101
Iron	ppm	0.2	0.1	0.2	Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	76	64	72
Copper	ppm	0.001	ND	0.000	Bi-Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	0	0	0
Magnesium	ppm	8.3	5.9	7.5	Non-Carbonate Hardness	ppm	76	64	72
Calcium	ppm	29.9	20.8	26.1	Chemical Oxygen Demand	ppm	40	21	29
Sodium	ppm	6.0	4.1	5.2	Dissolved Oxygen	ppm	3.9	ND	1.1
Potassium	ppm	1.3	0.8	1.0	Chloride	ppm	12.3	7.9	10.1
Manganese	ppm	0.002	ND	0.000	Nitrite Nitrogen	ppm	ND	ND	0.0
Lead	ppm	ND	ND	0.000	Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	0.55	0.21	0.37
Zinc	ppm	ND	ND	0.000	Fluoride	ppm	0.76	0.17	0.57
Silica	ppm	2.6	1.3	2.1	pH		8.30	7.13	7.37
Sulfate	ppm	31.3	20.7	24.4	Specific Conductance @ 25 °C	µmhos	241	194	224
					Temperature	°C	24.0	1.8	13.4

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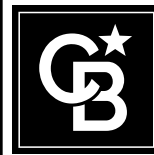
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narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams and driving while license suspended on Sept. 3, 2019 in Sumpter Township and possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams on May 20, 2019 in Huron Township.

Her appointed defense attorney Andrew Sullivan said she had completed

rehabilitation. She told Judge Oakley by zoom that she has started a new life. She said she had one baby, who was also present with her by zoom, and another was on the way.

On April 27, she pled guilty to controlled substance use, a misdemeanor, and the other two charges were dismissed. Judge Regina Thomas sentenced her to one year of probation and a fee of \$128.

Michelle Marielynn Mintz

Michelle Marielynn Mintz, 29, of Belleville was scheduled for her preliminary examination on Feb. 9 on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on Oct. 30 in the City of Belleville. Her mother was the complaining victim.

On Feb. 9 the assault charge was dismissed without prejudice. Case closed.

At the Jan. 5 probable cause conference Judge Oakley told Mintz she owed \$1,300 to the court for drinking and driving offenses and she should start paying.

Dionte Kristopher Kelley

Dionte Kristopher Kelley, 27, of Sterling Heights had his probable cause conference adjourned until Jan. 1 so defense attorney Tim Debolski could get discovery. Kelley is charged with assault to do great bodily

harm less than murder and domestic violence on Dec. 19 in the City of Belleville. He is free after posting bond of \$15,000/10% and must not return to an apartment at 210 Henry St.

On Jan. 19, Judge Green adjourned his probable cause conference until Feb. 23. On that date he waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for a March 9 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference was set for April 20 and final conference for June 16 and adjourned to July 19.

"You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them."

— Ray Bradbury

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE of RECEIPT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE APPLICATION WAYNE DISPOSAL, INC.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Materials Management Division (MMD), hereby gives notice of receipt of a Hazardous Waste Management Facility Operating License Application (Application), pursuant to Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and its administrative rules, from Wayne Disposal, Inc. (WDI). WDI currently operates a hazardous waste landfill that accepts solid hazardous waste, and polychlorinated biphenyl waste for disposal at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, Michigan. The Application includes a request to add new operations at the landfill, and to increase the amount of waste placed in the landfill. New operations include storing waste in containers, and treating waste prior to placement in the landfill. EGLE has reviewed the Application and determined that it is administratively complete. EGLE invites public comment on the Application.

The Application is available online at Michigan.gov/USEcologyWDI. The public may make an appointment to review the Application in person at: EGLE, MMD, Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan 48909 by contacting Vickie Terry; 517-284-6546, TerryV2@Michigan.gov, or EGLE, MMD, Warren District Office, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092, by contacting Jennifer Block at 586-606-2344 or BlockJ4@Michigan.gov. In addition, the Application is available for review at the Belleville Area District Library located at 167 Fourth Street, Belleville, Michigan, telephone 734-699-3291.

To receive future EGLE electronic notifications concerning WDI, please subscribe online to US Ecology Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant and Wayne Disposal, Inc. Hazardous Waste Landfill through Michigan.gov/EGLEConnect. To receive notification through the mail, please contact Ms. Christine Matlock. Requests, comments, or questions regarding WDI should also be addressed to:

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CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI.

This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, August 2, 2022 State Primary Election. Test will be open to the public and citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office (734-697-9323, extension 7010).

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

Posted: July 5, 2022
Publish: July 7, 2022

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Principal Residence Exemption and Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should contact the Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 19, 2022.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: June 27, 2022
Publish: July 7, 2022
July 14, 2022

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 249 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, June 26:

0001 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe
0032 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Edwards Rd.
0112 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
0119 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0133 – juvenile complaint, Milton Dr.
0316 – assist fire dept., E. Archwood Dr.
0358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0503 – suicidal person, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0749 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0835 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1058 – suspicious person/vehicle, Marlowe Ave. / Ecorse Service B Dr.
1125 – suicidal person, Belmont Dr.
1158 – intrusion alarm, Ryznar Dr.
1237 – harassment call, Jackson St.
1521 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1526 – neighbor trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1635 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
1739 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1917 – domestic, Alden Ave.
2248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.

Monday, June 27:

0132 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0143 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0508 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / W I-94 Belleville ramp
0919 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0923 – assist other dept., N. Cumberland Dr.
0924 – mental subject, Ash Dr.
0927 – domestic, Alden Ave.
1120 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1159 – property damage accident, W. Adams
1252 – welfare check, Holly Ln.
1303 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1314 – traffic offense, Freedom Way
1437 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.
1441 – welfare check, Hannan Rd.
1454 – assist other dept., Hannan Rd./Tyler Rd.
1532 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

1539 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.
1655 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1725 – larceny, W. Archwood Dr.
1800 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1910 – larceny from auto, Westlake
1931 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1941 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1945 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2034 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.
2035 – larceny, McBride Ave.
2046 – assist fire dept., Robson Rd.
2108 – larceny from auto, Burtrig St.
2225 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2352 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

Tuesday, June 28:

0010 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.
0045 – domestic, Lake Pointe Blvd.
0531 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0622 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
0757 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0835 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0851 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0927 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1038 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1204 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Denton
1212 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1240 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Denton
1212 – ordinance violation, Parkwood Dr.
1403 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1513 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1618 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1637 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1643 – fraud, Meadows Cir.
1651 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1724 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1750 – found property/child, Beckley Rd.
1902 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.

1904 – intrusion alarm, Vista Dr.
1917 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

1925 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2036 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
2048 – family trouble, Sawgrass Ct.
2139 – welfare check, Colonial Rd.
2141 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2158 – property check, Parkwood Dr.
2309 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2348 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Cir.
2351 – private property impound, Denton Rd.

Wednesday, June 29:

0017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Independence Ln.
0035 – family trouble, Bak Rd.
0119 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0131 – assist fire dept., Victoria St.
0356 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
0707 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0755 – mental subject, Basswood Cir.
0844 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0929 – ordinance violation, Sheldon Rd.
0938 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
0939 – hospice death, Robson Rd.
1011 – welfare check, Fairbanks St.
1011 – welfare check, Denton Rd
1039 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
1043 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
1109 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
1155 – animal complaint, Beck Rd.
1240 – private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1301 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1319 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1325 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1520 – fraud, Packard Ct.
1547 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1726 – intrusion alarm, E. Walden Dr.
1749 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1903 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1908 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1916 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
2014 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2040 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2258 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd.

Thursday, June 30:

0523 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0835 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0838 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1026 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1052 – intrusion alarm, Jeremy Rd.
1142 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1149 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

1151 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.
1320 – assault & battery, Martz Rd.
1351 – vehicle lockout, Denton Rd.
1359 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.
1500 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.
1506 – animal complaint, N Cumberland Dr.
1510 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1513 – weapons violation, Michigan Ave./Denton
1548 – trespassing, N. Cumberland Dr.
1625 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1753 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.
1917 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2117 – neighbor trouble, Brookview Dr.
2116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winding Pond
2145 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2212 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Pointe Pass
2249 – noise complaint, Ventura Dr.
2258 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2348 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.

Friday, July 1:

0017 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
0055 – noise complaint, Peninsular Dr.
0159 – assist fire dept., Van Born
0319 – suspicious person/vehicle, N I-94 Service
0622 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd./Owen St.
0735 – larceny from auto, Van Born Rd.
0911 – assist other dept., Belle Villa
0946 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1046 – disorderly, Chinkapin Dr.
1057 – bomb threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1145 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1330 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1437 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1507 – traffic offense, Belleville/Denton

1507 – harassment call, Van Buren Ln.
1631 – warrant arrest, Grove Rd.
1736 – welfare check, Renton Rd.
1812 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1850 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / McBride Ave.
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1940 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1957 – neighbor trouble, Park Estates Dr.
2035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
2112 – 911 welfare check, Red Oak Dr.
2119 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2123 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2148 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2235 – shooting, Rose Blvd.
2332 – fireworks, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, June 2:

0021 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0119 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
0235 – intrusion alarm, Timberview Ct.
0247 – assist fire dept., Maple Dr.
0842 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
0908 – welfare check, Belmont Dr.
1041 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1047 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler
1058 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1216 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1255 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1321 – breaking & entering, Oak Ln.
1351 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1355 – intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1435 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.
1444 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
1507 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dewitt Rd.
1518 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1622 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1815 – assist fire dept., Bradley Dr.
1825 – civil matter, Tavistock Dr.
1922 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1927 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1945 – missing person, W. Adams
2128 – noise complaint, Montague Ave.
2346 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2352 – neighbor trouble, Edwards Rd.
There were 28 traffic stops on this week's log, including one on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 26:

0421 – assist citizen, Fourth St.
0824 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1018 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1201 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1236 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1242 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1949 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2017 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2052 – traffic stop, S. Liberty/E. Huron River Dr.
2214 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.

Monday, June 27:

0813 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0935 – assist other dept., Carmel St.
1201 – dumping complaint, Charter Bank
1523 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.
1553 – traffic stop, Main St.
1719 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1736 – traffic stop, Tuscan Manor
2053 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Potter Dr.
2125 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
2228 – animal complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.

Tuesday, June 28:

0809 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
1051 – civil matter, South St.
1410 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1414 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1456 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1518 – private property impound, Belle Villa
1554 – suspicious person/vehicle, Light Tower Ct.
1649 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
1705 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1838 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1846 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
2043 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
2053 – warrant arrest, Church St.

2207 – traffic stop, Main St./Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, June 29:
0229 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1805 – disorderly, South St.
2012 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
2111 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2140 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2155 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2354 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.

Thursday, June 30:

0006 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./N. Aberdeen Ct.
0643 – traffic stop, Belleville/Quirk
1054 – animal complaint, High St.
1312 – threat, Henry St.
1643 – property damage accident, South/Sumpter
2051 – traffic stop, Main St.
2150 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./High St.
2215 – traffic stop, Belleville/Sunrise
2246 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Friday, July 1:

0616 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Owens
0906 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
1456 – fraud, Astor
1823 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.
1948 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2141 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2316 – assist other dept., S. Huron Rd.
2323 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.

Saturday, July 2:

1003 – traffic stop, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
1015 – traffic stop, Main St.
1021 – domestic, Main St.
1710 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1803 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
2120 – assist other dept., Savage Rd./Harris Rd.
2135 – suspicious person/vehicle, Capistrano Ct.
2154 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd./Liberty St.
2155 – trespassing, Roys St.
2322 – traffic stop, Edison Ave./W. Columbia
There were 29 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 26:

0340 – noise complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0412 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Dunn
0708 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0957 – lost/missing juvenile, Willis Rd./Wilmut
1006 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.
1011 – mental health call, Edgewood Dr.
1047 – suspicious circumstance, 7800 bl. Oakville
Waltz Rd.
1315 – suspicious person, Willis Rd./Rawsonville
1452 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1511 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1541 – prisoner incident, Huron PD
1545 – fleeing & eluding police, Sherwood/Wear
1620 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1955 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2035 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
2055 – follow-up investigation, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
2104 – lost/missing juvenile, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2136 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Fenster Dr.
2236 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Monday, June 27:

0053 – suspicious circumstance, Sherwood/Wear
0622 – shots fired, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
0645 – traffic complaint/hazard, Paris Rd./Sumpter
1043 – fraud complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1255 – mental health call, Rustic Ln.
1305 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1337 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1643 – traffic complaint/abandoned, 11000 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1958 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
Tuesday, June 28:
0040 – traffic complaint/hazard, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0200 – welfare check, New Mexico
1030 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
1104 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1221 – assist other agency, 42000 bl. Willis Ct.
1432 – suspicious circumstance, Timberlane Dr.
1548 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1704 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
1738 – traffic complaint/road, Harris/Martinsville
1814 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1847 – family trouble, Nevada St.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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Wednesday, June 29:

0213 – suspicious person, Iowa St.
0405 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
0753 – warrant arrest, 27000 bl. Karr Rd.
1259 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1419 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1542 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1631 – mental health call, Greenmeadow Dr.
1838 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1925 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Willis
1939 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Willow Rd.
2005 – suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl. Karr
2017 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Harris
2032 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2125 – suspicious vehicle, Oregon St.
2158 – reckless driver, Carriage Ln./Brookview
2314 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.

Thursday, June 30:

0015 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0102 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0111 – 911 hang up, Mulberry Dr.
0121 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0920 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1244 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
1818 – assist other agency, Oregon St.
2026 – follow-up investigation, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
2209 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2303 – noise complaint, Edgewood Dr.

Friday, July 1:

0418 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
1150 – follow-up investigation, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1207 – alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1236 – citizen assist, Wayside Dr.
1239 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1257 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1258 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1329 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1448 – 911 hang up, Willow Rd./Sherwood Rd.
1919 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Willis
2109 – neighbor dispute, Georgia St.
2330 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, July 2:

0001 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln./Country Club Blvd.
0010 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0437 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0745 – alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0800 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
0830 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
0842 – animal bite, Rustic Ln.
0906 – family trouble, Birch
1117 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1222 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1251 – suspicious person, Elwell Rd./Willis Rd.
1320 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1506 – traffic complaint/hazard, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1615 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1756 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.
1852 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2027 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2036 – assist other agency, Rawsonville Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
Also on this week's log are 139 patrol checks, 60 traffic stops, and 14 misc. details.

VBT police using Homeland Security to work on bomb threats

Over the past few weeks there have been three bomb threats called in to the Cracker Barrel restaurant on the I-94 North Service Drive in Van Buren Township, the latest being last Friday morning at 10:57.

Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazy said his department has called in Homeland Security to provide resources to track the caller faster than they can do alone and when the person is caught that person will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

On Friday, the restaurant was evacuated and dogs were used to look for explosives and nothing was found, said Lt. Bazy.

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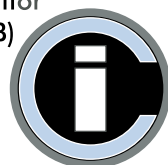


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